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You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

The SARL News Service invites Clubs and individuals to contribute news regarding Amateur Radio to sarlnews@hotmail.com. It will be highly appreciated if it is done in both Afrikaans and English.

Now for the news in detail:

EFFORTLESS WAY TO JOIN THE SARL

Now you can join the SARL online and get instant access to the members only pages. This is the simplest method yet to join the winning team.

If your information is in the call book then its even easier, the site does all the work for you by filling in the form with the details from the call book. All you need to do is dot the I's and cross the T's.
Visit the SARL website at www.sarl.org.za to be one of the first to join this way.

MEMBERSHIP LUCKY DRAW!

A pleasant surprise is awaiting three new members who join the SARL before July 12. Three items have been donated to the SARL for which three names will be drawn only from those who join before the 12th of July. The items are: A home alarm system; A telephone intercom system and; A universal remote control system for TVs etc. Lucky draw prizes kindly sponsored by Commco.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the SARL during the past week

Andries Duvenhage ZS4AD.

North Eastern Free State Amateur Radio Club: Tony Mcewen ZR1T; Peter Crowther ZS5PX; Allan Bowles ZS2BO; Trevor Foxcroft ZS2BV; Frank Kriel ZR1QRM and Matthew Wallace ZS2MW.

DIVISION 6 BAND PLANNING MEETINGS

The next Division 6 Band planning meeting will be held on the 29th of June at the NARC at 08:00, all the Division 6 clubs are hereby invited to make sure they are represented at these very important meetings.

For your information the rest of the year's meetings is as follows: 24 August and 6 November 2002.

NEXT RAE

The next RAE will be held on 17 October 2002. The closing date for registration is 10 September 2002. The registration forms are available on the SARL website at www.sarl.org.za or can be requested telephonically from the SARL office at 011 675 2393. The registration fee for the examination is R250,00. This amount includes the license fee for the current year for those candidates who pass the examination as well as the costs of the certificate from ICASA.

INTENDING MORSE CODE EXAMINERS URGED TO REGISTER

This is a final and extremely urgent call for persons interested in being CW Examiners to register without delay. All existing examiners' term of office expires at the end of this month, ie. 30 June 2002.

Unless existing/new individuals register timeously, the whole system will grind to a halt. Remember that results of tests taken by persons not registered with the SARL will not be valid.

The necessary information, as well as relevant application forms, is available on the SARL website or by phoning the SARL offices.

PROBLEMS WITH LICENSES AT ICASA

The president of the SARL, Syd Tyler, informed SARL News after a meeting with ICASA, that ICASA was having problems with the dispatching of 2002 licenses and other amateur related information such as the upgrading of call signs, etc.

ICASA is however making a concerted effort to solve the problem and hopes to be up to date shortly.

ARRL QRP-FIELD DAY

The ARRL is holding a field day for QRP operators. This event is an annual one and takes place over the fourth weekend in June. This year it takes place earlier than usual and is happening over this weekend. QRP enthusiasts may still be able to catch some of the fun as it ends today and with the USA being some 7 or more hours behind CAT. You never know if you don't try.

HF DX NEWS

These news items were obtained from the RSGB news.

Terry, W6/G3MHV, and his wife Mady, KP3YL, will be active on 10, 15, 20 and 40m on CW and SSB as G3MHV and G4WHV from Guernsey between June 17 and 25, 2002.

FR5ZU is working for about a month at the meteorological station on the island of Tromelin, which counts as a separate DXCC entity. He is operating as FR5ZU/T in his spare time.

Z35M has been active as ZA/Z35M from Albania from the 1st June. He will be there for several years.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

The following notable news items were obtained from Qnews, the official bulletin of the WIA (Wireless Institute of Australia):

MEETING EMR REQUIREMENTS (IN VK LAND)

All radio amateurs will be required to know about new Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR) controls that are expected to be included in amateur station license conditions from 1 July, 2002.

Compliance Level 1 -applies to transmitters that are covered by either of these conditions: (a) The total average power fed to all antennas at the site must not exceed 100 watts and antennas must be out of reach; (b) The bottom of the lowest antenna must be at least 10 metres above ground and the average EIRP does not exceed 3200 watts.

Compliance Level 2 -requires measurements and documented proof of compliance and applies to all other transmitters.

It is proposed that the new regulatory framework, to be reflected in the License Condition Determinations (LCDs) for the Amateur Service (and to all apparatus licenses), will begin on 1 July, 2002. Existing licensees will have until 1 October, 2002, to comply.

IN THE USA

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the FCC have established a joint web page called "Cell Phone Facts." This is an effort to provide reasoned answers to the public's never ending health and safety questions concerning the radio frequency power produced by cellular phones and their base stations. The site is in cyberspace at www.fda.gov/cellphones.

CLUB NEWS

ALBERTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Two important dates:

COMMITTEE MEETING 27/06/02

VISIT TO BLOEMENDAL 29/06/02.

The Alberton Amateur Radio club invite the Gauteng clubs to join them!!! They will have a bring and braai at the Vereniging club house after the tour. The tour will start at 12:00. The co-ordinator for this event is: FRED ZS6KJL at telephone 082 822 9645.

Please let Fred know who will be joining us to help us with the planning.

SAATI MEETING

For tomorrow, Monday 24 June, SAATI has arranged for an interesting demonstration for members and interested persons. It is about SSTV and some of the practical aspects of a few of the supporting computer programs. The venue is the library in Cantonments Road, Centurion.
The meeting will start at 20:00 and there will also be nice snacks afterwards.

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

Are you a ham who has trouble waking up to keep those wee hours DX schedules, the answer may be as close as the local store. How about an atomic time coffee maker?

No, we aren't kidding.

Perfect Time Coffeemaker is the first such device using radio frequency reception of atomic clock signals to keep it in sync with the National Bureau of Standards time keeping system. Manufactures, Melitta Salton claim that the internal clock provides accurate time right out of the box by monitoring the WWVB broadcasts from Boulder Colorado.

All the user need do is to select his or her time zone and the Coffee maker does the rest. It even automatically adjusts to Daylight Savings Time and its internal back-up batteries keep it going during short duration power losses. Salton also says that it also brews good coffee. What more could any DX hound ever ask for?

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us.

Goodbye everyone.

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